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Dear Commissioner

We wish to introduce a 'Waiver Request' on behalf of Bedford Public Schools regarding 'Funding Commitment Letter' dated September 9, 2003 pursuant to form 471 application number 383870 for FRN numbers 1058519, 1058520 and 1058521 regarding the 28 day waiting period decline on said FRN requests

Kelli Glenn, our districts Controller, filed our 2002-2003 forms. She resigned November 2002 just prior to the 2003-2004 application cycles. This position was vacant until February 2003. Diane Kaiser, a district accounting staff employee, who took over these duties on an interim basis, had her hands full learning the Controller duties on the system and verifying accounts payable/receivable and the employee payroll responsibilities. She was able to file the districts form 470 online without the benefit of regional USF training, which Kellie had attended, this was not able to be done until the second week of January.

Diane, while monitoring our local list service regarding USF information, did pick up on the pending deadline for the 28 day waiting period. Diane, not being comfortable with the USF online system and the pending deadline filed via paper form 471. The application was strictly for telecommunication services and the existing vendors were renewed for service as no additional contacts were received from any vendors regarding the posted form 470. Bedford is in southeast Michigan and a border community between Michigan and Ohio, telecommunication services are what they are, with minimal choices.

Diane realized the 28 day waiting period and pending deadline and manually counted the original form 470 filing date and 28 days hence was February 4, 2003, which is the date the paper form 471 was filed. We believe that Diane's efforts on the behalf of the Bedford School District were exemplary, under the circumstances, and she did perform diligence in complying with the spirit of the USF application process. We believe her overwhelming job duties and apprehension over the USF online form process of that time qualify as extenuating circumstances and we request a waiver of the form 28 day waiting period as the spirit of the application process was adhered to, to the best of our ability at that time.

Sincerely,

Edwin "Ted" Magrum
Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations
Bedford Public Schools